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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (canceled)

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 4 wherein the ~~step of~~ capturing comprises ~~the steps of~~:

receiving claim identification information from a claimant, the said claim identification information comprising a, ~~at least one~~ line level;

providing a client with an item tree of line item level data based on the line level and aggregating the line item level data collected from the claimant; and

storing the line item level data in the insurance host server.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 4 wherein the ~~step of~~ evaluating the line item data comprises ~~the steps of~~:

displaying a ~~at least one~~ line item from the insurance host server;

receiving a selection of the ~~at least one~~ line item from a claim handler; and

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receiving authorization from the claim handler to execute payment of the ~~selected~~ line item, wherein ~~the said~~ authorization is for a payment in a form selected from the group consisting of ~~comprising~~ a direct payment, vendor transfer, line item payment, and ~~[[or]]~~ preauthorized payment.

4. (currently amended) A method for capture, evaluation and fulfillment of line item level data, the method comprising processes ~~steps~~ performed by a data processing system, of:

capturing ~~at least one~~ line item data in an insurance host server;

evaluating the line item data during ~~the~~ processing of an insurance claim;

enabling ~~the~~ selection of a payment type; and

fulfilling ~~the~~ payment of a line item based on the evaluating ~~evaluation~~ of the line item data, wherein the ~~step of~~ fulfilling comprises ~~the steps of~~:

maintaining a vendor database on the insurance host server;

placing ~~an at least one~~ order for ~~the at least one~~ line item from the insurance host server to a vendor; and

tracking the order on the insurance host server.

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5. (currently amended) The method of claim 4 wherein the ~~step of~~ maintaining a vendor database ~~further comprises the step of~~ entering vendor information in the vendor database.

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 4 wherein the ~~step of~~ maintaining a vendor database ~~further comprises the step of~~ editing vendor information in the vendor database.

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 4 wherein the ~~step of~~ maintaining a vendor database ~~further comprises the step of~~ upgrading the ~~the~~ ~~[[a]]~~ vendor to a preferred vendor in the vendor database.

8. (currently amended) The method of claim 4 wherein the ~~step of~~ placing the at least one order ~~further comprises the step of~~ faxing the ~~the~~ ~~[[an]]~~ order to the ~~the~~ ~~[[a]]~~ vendor.

9. (currently amended) The method of claim 4 wherein the ~~step of~~ placing the at least one order ~~further comprises the step of~~ emailing the ~~the~~ ~~[[an]]~~ order to the ~~the~~ ~~[[a]]~~ vendor.

10. (currently amended) The method of claim 4 wherein the ~~step of placing the at least one order further~~ comprises the ~~step of placing~~ the ~~[[an]]~~ order on a web server for vendor access.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 4 wherein the ~~step of placing the at least one order further~~ comprises the ~~step of placing~~ the ~~[[an]]~~ order with the ~~[[a]]~~ vendor by electronic data interchange.

Claim 12 (canceled)

13. (currently amended) The system of claim 15 wherein the capturing comprises ~~includes~~ receiving claim identification information from a claimant, the ~~said~~ claim identification information comprising a ~~, at least, one~~ line level; providing a client with an item tree of the line item level data based on the line level and aggregating the line item level data collected from the claimant; and storing the line item level data in the insurance host server.

14. (currently amended) The system of claim 15 wherein the evaluating the line item data comprises ~~includes~~ displaying the ~~at least one~~ line item from the insurance host server; receiving a selection of the ~~at least one~~ line item from a claim handler; and

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receiving authorization from the claim handler to execute payment of the ~~selected~~ line item, wherein ~~the said~~ authorization is for a payment in a form selected from the group consisting of ~~comprising~~ a direct payment, vendor transfer, line item payment, and ~~[[or]]~~ preauthorized payment.

15. (currently amended) A system for capturing line item data, comprising:
- a processor for executing programs;
 - a memory for storing a program executable by the processor, the stored program including instructions for (i) capturing ~~at least one~~ line item data in an insurance host server, (ii) evaluating the line item data during ~~[[the]]~~ processing of an insurance claim; and (iii) fulfilling ~~[[the]]~~ payment of ~~the~~ ~~[[a]]~~ line item based on the evaluating ~~evaluation~~ of the line item data; and
 - a user interface for enabling ~~[[the]]~~ selection of a payment type associated with ~~the said at least one~~ line item;
- wherein ~~the~~ fulfilling comprises ~~includes~~ (1) maintaining a vendor database on the insurance host server; (2) placing an ~~at least one~~ order for a ~~at least one~~

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line item from the insurance host server to a vendor; and (3) tracking the order on the insurance host server.

16. (currently amended) The system of claim 15 wherein the maintaining the ~~[[a]]~~ vendor database comprises ~~includes~~ entering vendor information in the vendor database.

17. (currently amended) The system of claim 15 wherein the maintaining the ~~[[a]]~~ vendor database ~~further~~ comprises ~~includes~~ editing vendor information in the vendor database.

18. (currently amended) The system of claim 15 wherein the maintaining ~~[[a]]~~ the vendor database comprises ~~includes~~ upgrading the ~~[[a]]~~ vendor to a preferred vendor in the vendor database.

19. (currently amended) The system of claim 15 wherein the placing the ~~at-~~ ~~least one~~ order comprises ~~includes~~ faxing the ~~[[an]]~~ order to the ~~[[a]]~~ vendor.

20. (currently amended) The system of claim 15 wherein the placing the ~~at-~~ ~~least one~~ order ~~further~~ comprises ~~includes~~ emailing the ~~[[an]]~~ order to the ~~[[a]]~~ vendor.

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21. (currently amended) The system of claim 15 wherein the placing the at least one order further comprises includes placing the [[an]] order on a web server for vendor access.

22. (currently amended) The system of claim 15 wherein the placing the at least one order comprises includes placing the [[an]] order with the [[a]] vendor by electronic data interchange.

Claim 23 (canceled)

24. (currently amended) The medium of claim 26 wherein the ~~step of~~ capturing comprises ~~the steps of~~:

receiving claim identification information from a claimant, the claim said identification information comprising a ~~, at least, one~~ line level;

providing a client with an item tree of line item level data based on the line level and aggregating line item level data collected from the claimant; and

storing the line item level data in the insurance host server.

25. (currently amended) The medium of claim 26 wherein the ~~step of~~ evaluating the line item data comprises ~~the steps of~~:

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displaying the ~~at least one~~ line item from the insurance host server;
receiving a selection of the ~~at least one~~ line item from a claim handler; and
receiving authorization from the claim handler to execute payment of the
~~selected~~ line item, wherein the ~~said~~ authorization is for a payment in a form selected from
the group consisting of ~~comprising~~ a direct payment, vendor transfer, line item payment,
and ~~[[or]]~~ preauthorized payment.

26. (currently amended) A computer readable medium containing
instructions for controlling a computer system to perform a method for capturing,
evaluating, and fulfilling line item data, the method comprising:
capturing ~~at least one~~ line item data in an insurance host server;
evaluating the line item data during ~~[[the]]~~ processing of an insurance
claim;
enabling ~~[[the]]~~ selection of a payment type; and
fulfilling ~~[[the]]~~ payment of a line item based on the evaluating
~~evaluation~~ of the line item data, wherein the ~~step of~~ fulfilling comprises ~~the steps of~~:
maintaining a vendor database on the insurance host server;

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placing an ~~at least one~~ order for the ~~at least one~~ line item from the insurance host server to a vendor; and
tracking the order on the insurance host server.

27. (currently amended) The medium of claim 26 wherein the ~~step of~~ maintaining the ~~the~~ [[a]] vendor database ~~further comprises the step of~~ entering vendor information in the vendor database.

28. (currently amended) The medium of claim 26 wherein the ~~step of~~ maintaining the ~~the~~ [[a]] vendor database ~~further comprises the step of~~ editing vendor information in the vendor database.

29. (currently amended) The medium of claim 26 wherein the ~~step of~~ maintaining the ~~the~~ [[a]] vendor database ~~further comprises the step of~~ upgrading the ~~the~~ [[a]] vendor to a preferred vendor in the vendor database.

30. (currently amended) The medium of claim 26 wherein the ~~step of~~ placing the ~~at least one~~ order ~~further comprises the step of~~ faxing the ~~the~~ [[an]] order to the ~~the~~ [[a]] vendor.

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31. (currently amended) The medium of claim 26 wherein the ~~step of placing~~
~~the at least one order further~~ comprises ~~the step of~~ emailing an order to the ~~[[a]]~~ vendor.

32. (currently amended) The medium of claim 26 wherein the ~~step of placing~~
~~the at least one order further~~ comprises ~~the step of~~ placing the ~~[[an]]~~ order on a web
server for vendor access.

33. (currently amended) The medium of claim 26 wherein the ~~step of placing~~
~~the at least one order further~~ comprises ~~the step of~~ placing the ~~[[an]]~~ order with the ~~[[a]]~~
vendor by electronic data interchange.